



Parish Bulletin

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The BAPTISM of the LORD

10/11 January 2026

Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MUSICIANS WANTED
SATURDAY NIGHT MASS CHOIR**

The Saturday Night Mass Choir is seeking **musicians** (guitar, piano, bass guitar, etc.) and **singers** to join our team and support the music ministry at the Saturday evening Mass.

If you have a passion for music and would like to contribute to our parish liturgy, we'd love to hear from you.
Contact: Thomas Zollo 0403164365

**MESSAGE FROM FR JANEESH JOSE
JANUARY 2026**

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your warm and gracious welcome as I begin my humble ministry among you. As I shared at my first Holy Mass here at Tranmere, I belong to the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), an order founded by St Elias Chavara in 1831. Before moving to Adelaide, I had the privilege of serving in the Diocese of Sale, Victoria, for over 13 years.

I am truly grateful for your kindness, prayers, and understanding during this time of transition. Let us continue to walk together in faith as one family in Christ. I look forward to serving you, learning from you, and sharing our faith journey together.

With God's blessings,
Fr Janeesh Jose
Parish Priest

LITURGY OF THE WORD

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

**THIS IS MY SON,
THE BELOVED.**

Just before he confronts the tempter in the desert, Jesus is baptized in the Jordan. He is revealed as the beloved Son of God. His baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, of the time when the role of John the Baptist will decrease and Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God, by word and deed, will increase.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord

SECOND READING

Apostles 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 28:1-4, 9-10

Response:
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R**

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R**

3. The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **R**

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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary School
Principal - Adrian Grbin
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Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

ROSTERS— 17/18 Jan 2026 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Bridgette Barrett Anthonetta Bartley Charlotte Bartley
Children's Liturgy	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	3/4 Jan 2026
Open Plate	\$421.10
Planned Giving	\$453.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$874.10
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$717.15

Three Ways to make an Offering to our St Joseph's Church Tranmere

There are three ways we can contribute helps to maintain the buildings of the Church and Presbytery, the grounds, the normal "household" expenses like rates and taxes, phones, electricity, plus the staffing we need to keep our Parish running. This is done through **the second** collection.

You can contribute to the second collection by

- Using the Planned Giving envelope programme in the second collection, or
- Placing cash in the green lined bowl also at the second collection, or
- By using your card or mobile at either of the Tap and go machines, to make a contribution, either as you enter or leave the church.

Sincere thanks for your ongoing generosity.

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Mary Chandra Amalathas
Luigi Scardigno

Death Anniversary:
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING
Dec 2025: \$3,285.00
TAP and GO
Dec 2025: \$785.00

Morning Tea
Sunday 11th Jan 2026
After 9:30am Holy Mass
All are welcome!

St Joseph's Church Tranmere

Australia Day Mass
Monday
26th January
2026
9:15am

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Theology at the Bar
Faith, ideas and conversation. Come along, all welcome!
Guest speaker: Fr Olek Stirrat **Date:** Wednesday January 21
Location: Ern Malley Bar, Magill Road, Stepney SA.
Time: 6.30pm start, for 7pm talk.
Snacks and drinks available at the bar.

Cathedral Light Show - Adelaide Fringe
St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is set to be illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe. Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from 8.30-9.30pm nightly (except Mondays), with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Audience members can move around the Cathedral to view the projections from different angles and expected 'dwell time' is about 15 minutes.
Tickets range from \$10 for preview nights to \$15 (February 20-March 22). To book, visit adelaidefringe.com.au.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 2026
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a worldwide synodal Movement dedicated to the renewal of our Catholic Church through empowering couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships. Our Church today has the belief that Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of relationship and that we are called as couples and priests to be a living sign of God's love to the world, and to love one another as Jesus loves us all. This takes hard work, and a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples and priests the tools and support they need to live this sign in today's busy life.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter has three weekends planned for 2026 - February 20-22, Lyndoch Motel; July 3-5 Royal Coach Motel; and a live-out weekend at Antonio School, November 7-8. More details are available on the website at <https://www.wwme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.

New Online Adult Formation Program
Monica Brown, the renowned Australian liturgical composer, teacher, facilitator, storyteller and community animator, has recently worked with a team to produce of new online adult formation program, which they have called *Thresholds of Transformation for Seekers and Searchers (TTSS)*. TTSS is a unique and timely integration of Laudato Si, the Universe Story, our Catholic/Christian Story and the Gospel values of Jesus. Its objective is to offer personal and communal spiritual enrichment and transformation. Gatherings commence: Tuesday, 24 February 2026, continuing on a Tuesday every 3 weeks until 15 December. For further information, please visit: <https://ttss.thresholdsoftransformation.org>

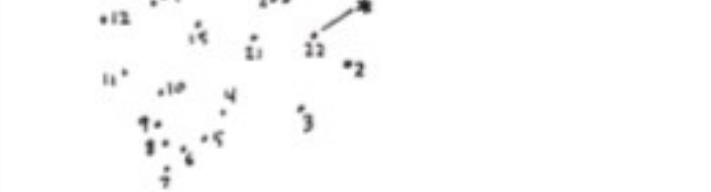
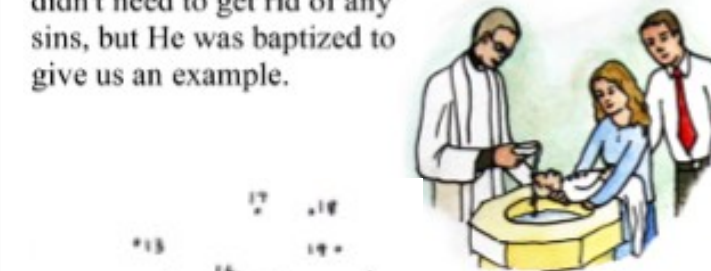
The Monastery 2026 Retreat Program and Retreat Mornings
Step away from the noise and into the quiet beauty of The Monastery. Our 2026 retreat program offers a restorative space for reflection, renewal and spiritual nourishment. Check out our flyers for full details on our different retreats and how you can register.

The Kids' Bulletin
www.thekidsbulletin.com

A Bit About...
Baptism
A sacrament is an outward sign of a grace that God gives us in our soul. When we are baptized, water is poured on our head as a symbol of the sin being washed out of our soul.

You might be wondering if babies need to get baptized when they haven't even done any sins yet. But baptism also takes away original sin, which comes to us from Adam and Eve. Baptism also gives us the grace we need to live a good Christian life. Of course babies can't sin when they are very young, but Baptism will give them grace when they need it.

Why do you think that Jesus got baptized, since He didn't have original sin or actual sins? Jesus didn't need to get rid of any sins, but He was baptized to give us an example.



What did Saint John the Baptist see that showed him that Jesus was the Son of God? Connect the dots to find out!